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SUBJ: FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER'S COMMENTS ON FRENCH-GDR RELATIONS

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1. AT THE SAME PRESS CONFERENCE REPORTED REFTEL,

FRENCH AMBASSADOR WORMSER MADE TWO COMMENTS ON FRENCH-GDR RELATIONS, WHICH WE HAVE SEEN REPORTED ONLY ON DPA TICKER.

2. WITH REFERENCE TO NEGOTIATIONS ON A FRENCH-GDR CONSULAR AGREEMENT WORMER SAID THAT THERE WERE "CERTAIN DIFFICULT POINTS" UNRESOLVED. "HE WAS, HOWEVER, SURE THAT A SOLUTION WOULD BE FOUND THAT WOULD NOT CAUSE CONCERN TO THE PARTNERS OF FRANCE, PARTICULARLY THE FRG."

3. WORMSER SAID THAT CULTURAL RELATIONS BETWEEN FRANCE AND THE GDR WERE OF PARTICULAR IMPORTANCE.

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"MAIN GOAL" WAS TO ASSURE THAT FRENCH LANGUAGE DID

NOT DISAPPEAR IN THE GDR AND THAT MORE PEOPLE READ
FRENCH BOOKS, SAW FRENCH PLAYS, AND WERE EXPOSED TO
FRENCH THOUGHT. SO FAR AS TEACHING THE GERMAN
LANGUAGE IN FRANCE IN IS CONCERNED, HOWEVER, THE FRG IS
TAKING CARE OF THAT NICELY.

4. COMMENT: AMBASSADOR WORMSER'S EXPRESSION OF
PRIORITIES WILL NOT BE HELPFUL TO THE FRENCH IMAGE IN THE GDR. GEORGE

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